I am pleased to announce that the 18th International Symposium on Inner Ear Medicine and Surgery is scheduled for March 17-24, 2018, at the Hotel Theresa in Zell im Zillertal, Austria. For those who have attended the meeting in the past, you probably know why we return there year after year. Not only is it a great venue for our meeting, with all-inclusive accommodations for guests, the location provides many excellent opportunities for skiing, hiking, bike riding, or—if you prefer—relaxation.

I am also excited to announce that the next recipient of the Gold Medal Award will be Joel A. Goebel, MD, FACS, FRCS, of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Dr. Goebel was nominated and chosen by the members of the Society and has graciously accepted this honor. He will join a long list of “GREATS” who have received the Gold Medal Award, and we look forward to seeing a presentation of his work at the meeting.

The International Symposium is casual and allows time for free discussion and ad hoc involvement. I hope that you will plan to attend the conference and participate in the presentations. The call for abstracts has been placed on the Prosper Meniere Society website at www.prospermieniere.com. Please visit the site and find the meeting details.

Sincerely,

John Dornhoffer, MD, FACS
Executive Director
Dr. Goebel is Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. He specializes in Otology and Neurotology and is the Director of the Dizziness and Balance Center in the department. He is the author of over 130 peer-reviewed and invited publications and abstracts and the editor of the text “Practical Management of the Dizzy Patient 2nd Edition”. His current research interests include clinical studies to refine the Gaze Stabilization and the video Head Impulse Test, development of a screening history tool for triage of dizzy patients, and the BalCap vibrotactile device for rehabilitation of chronic imbalance.

Dr. Goebel is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Otological Society (AOS), the American Neurotology Society (ANS-President 2006-2007), the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS), the Triological Society, the Barany Society, the Prosper Meniere Society and the Association for Research in Otolaryngology (ARO). He is currently the chairman of the AAO-HNS Equilibrium Committee and was inducted into the Royal College of Surgeons in 2010.

2018 Gold Medal Award Recipient
Joel A Goebel, MD, FACS, FRCS

Gold Medal Award Winners
OF THE PROSPER MÉNIÈRE SOCIETY

2016  Ian Curthoys, PhD
Sydney, Australia

2014  Paul Van de Heyning, MD, PhD
Antwerp, Belgium

2012  Helge Rask-Andersen, MD, PhD
Uppsala, Sweden

2010  Lloyd B. Minor, MD
Baltimore, Maryland

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Los Angeles, California

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Stockholm, Sweden

2000  Derald Brackmann, MD
Los Angeles, California

Thomas Van De Water, PhD
Bronx, New York

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Savannah, Georgia

Remy Pugol, MD
Montpellier, France

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1995  David Austin, MD
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1994  Ugo Fisch, MD
Zurich, Switzerland

Howard House, MD
Los Angeles, California

Brian McCabe, MD
Iowa City, Iowa

1990  John Andrew Morrison, FRCS
London, England

1986  William F. House, MD
Newport Beach, California

1984  George E. Shambaugh Jr., MD
Chicago (Hinsdale), Illinois

1982  Prof. Georges Portmann
Bordeaux, France

1982  Prof. Emeritus Toshi Naito
Osaka, Japan

Prof. Michael Portmann
Bordeaux, France

“Let us GIVE THANKS
to SEEKING SPIRITS, to those with INITIATIVE,
who RAISE QUESTIONS OF INTEREST, STIMULATE ACTIVE RESEARCHES,
PROVOKE OPPOSITIONS, because in a word, SCIENCE GAINS AND
HUMANITY APPLAUDS.”

—Prosper Ménière, 1861
PURPOSES/ OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- **DESCRIBE** the pathophysiology of inner ear disorders
- **IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS** appropriate medical and/or surgical treatment regimens for Ménière's disease and other diseases of the inner ear, including tinnitus
- **ASSESS** the indications and basic interpretations of diagnostic findings for vertiginous patients
- **REVIEW** implantable hearing devices and cochlear implants
- **UNDERSTAND** inner ear fluid dynamics and homeostasis in the normal and hydropic inner ear
- **DESCRIBE** the three-dimensional spatial organization of the membranous labyrinth
- **UTILIZE** the video Head Impulse Test (vHIT) of all semicircular canals properly and be able to identify artifacts and errors and interpret results
- **REVIEW** the physiological basis and clinical interpretation of the new tests of otolith function: oVEMPS and cVEMPS

TOPICS

**BASIC SCIENCE**
- Anatomy and physiology of the cochlear and vestibular system
- Inner ear pharmacology

**DIAGNOSIS OF VESTIBULAR DISORDERS**
- Imaging techniques
- Vestibular testing: Head Impulse Test
- VNG
- cVEMPS and oVEMPS

**SURGICAL AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF VESTIBULAR DISORDERS**
- Migraine therapy
- Perfusion: dexamethasone and gentamicin
- Low-pulse generators
- Surgery

**SURGICAL AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF HEARING LOSS**
- Implantable hearing devices: BAI, middle ear, and cochlear implants
- Hearing aids

**COCHLEAR IMPLANTS**
- Surgical techniques: soft insertion, hearing preservation, and hybrids
- Unilateral vs bilateral
- Age of implantation

**TINNITUS**
- What’s new?
REGISTRATION

☐ YES, please register me for the symposium.

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- 205 Euros per night in single occupancy

Please contact the hotel directly and ask for the Prosper Ménière room rate. E-mail at info@theresa.at or contact by telephone (+43(0)5282 2286 0) or fax (+43(0) 5282 4235).

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- And much, much more